



# Tennessee Lodge of Research

(<http://www.tnlor.org>)

## PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP



(Petitioner must hold an official receipt for dues for the current year, issued by a Tennessee Lodge or by a Lodge outside of Tennessee chartered by a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Tennessee Lodge of Research, F. & A. M. of Tennessee

I, \_\_\_\_\_ at present a member in  
(ENTER FULL NAME, NOT JUST INITIALS)  
good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, located at  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the Grand Jurisdiction of \_\_\_\_\_  
(LODGE CITY) (GRAND LODGE)

certify that my dues are paid to \_\_\_\_\_ (year) and that no charges are pending against me, make application for membership in the Tennessee Lodge of Research and, if elected, I promise to conform to all the ancient usages and regulations of the Fraternity.

Residence Addr: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Addr City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Residence phone no: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone no: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone no: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGN NAME IN FULL)

Presented (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Elected (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected (date): \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive your Annual Proceedings (check **one**):

printed booklet

download from website

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS: Petition must be completed in full. Send completed petition, a photocopy of your Lodge dues card, and \$15.00 payable to T. L. R. (\$5.00 for fees, \$10.00 for dues) to:

George C. Ladd, Secretary  
4521 Turkey Creek Road  
Williamsport, TN 38487-2123

## TENNESSEE LODGE OF RESEARCH

### **PURPOSE**

The Tennessee Lodge of Research, F. & A. M. of Tennessee, is a subordinate lodge instituted to foster and expand knowledge of the history and philosophy of the craft by encouraging masonic study and research, thereby assisting the Grand Lodge in its diffusion of masonic light and education by publishing masonic information and educational material.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

All Master Masons who are members in good standing of subordinate lodges of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and all Master Masons who are members in good standing of any subordinate lodge of Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, or Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, recognized by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, are eligible for membership in the Tennessee Lodge of Research.

As a member, you will receive a quarterly bulletin prior to that quarter's stated meeting, and our **Annual Proceedings**, which contain papers corresponding to the presentations made at the stated meetings, as well as other papers submitted that year and the monthly Short Talks Bulletins of the Masonic Service Association. The subjects range from the history of Masonry (in Tennessee and in general) to the meaning of our symbols, Masonry's place in and contribution to society, Masonic philosophy, and the current state and future of Masonry. These Annual Proceedings are given to the Lodge of Research members in the format they request (printed booklet, DVD, thumb drive, or downloaded PDF file).

### **CHARITIES**

The Tennessee Lodge of Research supports the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Fund of Tennessee and the Grand Lodge Library and Historical Museum Fund.

### **STATED MEETINGS**

The stated meetings of the Lodge of Research are held on a Saturday of each March (Middle TN), June (East TN), September (West TN) and December (Sparta Lodge #99—our "home lodge") in a dedicated hall in the State of Tennessee, and its meetings begin at 1:00 p.m., except as otherwise provided.

At each meeting a presentation is made on a subject pertaining to Masonic history (Tennessee or general), Masonic symbolism, Masonry's place in and contribution to society, Masonic philosophy, and/or the current state and future of Masonry. Papers corresponding to these presentations are compiled into our Annual Proceedings, mentioned above.

### **GENERAL**

It is the desire of the Lodge of Research to encourage Master Masons to have more interest in masonic enlightenment. Your curiosity in reading this information is an indication that you have a desire for more masonic light. We, therefore, encourage you to submit this petition for membership to the Tennessee Lodge of Research.

### **WEBSITE**

<http://www.tnlor.org>

The Members' area of our website has papers from past Proceedings and videos of the presentations made at our meetings.